

Schedule of Events and Meetings for this Week

Today, September 20, 20159:00 AM..... Worship
10:00 AM..... Sunday School
 Monday, September 21, 20159:00 AM..... Sermon Shaping
 Wednesday, September 23, 2015.....9:00 AM..... Book Club
 Thursday, September 24, 20157:00 PM..... Life Lesson Study
 Friday, September 25, 20158 AM – 4 PM..... REACH School
 Saturday, September 26, 2015..... Diegel Birthday Party
10:00 AM..... Food Pantry

****PLEASE USE THE "ORANGE REQUEST FORMS" WHEN RESERVING ROOMS, TABLES, CHAIRS, ETC. THEY ARE LOCATED ON THE CUMC OFFICE BULLETIN BOARD. THANK YOU**

Announcements and Reminders

- **Invitation** to attend Richard Deutschman's 80th Birthday reception. Today, 9/20/15, 2-4 PM, here in the Church Fellowship Hall, CUMC.
- **Church Conference**, will be held on Thursday, 10/1/15, at 7PM.
- **Leadership Team Holy Currency Process**, 11/ 17/15, 7-9 PM.



Praises, Prayers and Concerns:

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| Don Allen | Ron Amos | Richard Angel |
| Family of Harold Arp | Lois Jean Apgar | Troy Bame |
| Darlene Bassett | David Boltz | John Castner |
| Family of Cheri Dauterman | Frances P. Courtney | Gloria Davis |
| Josh Earl | Jennifer Essinger | Michael Fox |
| Justin Frank | Family of Jean Gerken-Kahorski | |
| Mary German | Mike Gill | Lynn Gillian |
| Betty Hampshire | Patricia Harmon | Joanne Hatchor |
| Lloyd Hill and Family | Connie Kile | Family of Chuck Kominak |
| Don Kramp | Barb Loose | Marcia Moore |
| Teresa McGuire | Arthur Moreland | Sandy Mulke |
| Diane Palmer | Evelyn Perez | Joe Perez (Dad & Son) |
| Coke & Smoke Perez | Family of Dora Ribble | Jeremy Salaz |
| Lesla Secrety | Anne Strickland | Ruth Troxell |
| Bob Trummel | Justin VanDiver | Earl Wiseman |
| Family of Karen Zepeki | Deb Zulch | Xian's in Syria |

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*With man this
 is impossible, but
 not with God;
 all things are
 possible
 with
 God.*
Mark 10:27

Participants in this morning's Worship

Pastor: Rev. Bruce McDaniel
 Organist: Linda Allen
 Pianist: Kathy Bame
 Liturgist: Nancy Shrider
 North Greeters: Eileen Avery
 Eileen Smith
 East Greeters: Andrea Salaz
 Lynda Loera
 Usher: Eric Myers

Worship: 9:00 AM
 Sunday School: 10:00 AM
 Vision Statement:

CHRISTIAN SERVANTS UNITED IN MISSION TO THE COMMUNITY AND THE WORLD

[HTTP://HOME.DACOR.NET/CHRISTUMC/](http://home.dacor.net/christumc/)

Christ United Methodist Church

September, 20, 2015
17th Sunday in Kingdomtide

*(this symbol is an invitation to stand if you are able)

Gathering and Preparation

Time of Gathering and Welcome
Prelude....music to help us prepare for worship

The Way of Blessing

*Call to Worship

Nancy Shrider

Can we place the stars in the heavens?

For mortals impossible, but not for God

Can we cause the planets to circle the sun?

For mortals impossible, but not for God

Can we create life out of nothing?

For mortals impossible, but not for God. For God, all things are possible.

Then whom do we come to praise and thank this day?

The One God who makes all things possible.

*Prayer of the Day

Nancy Shrider

Sometimes when we hear what God wants to do in our world and our lives, we laugh.

We laugh because we are seeing with our eyes only, and not with our soul. Our laughter masks our disbelief, it hides our nervousness that God will do what God intends. We pray this day that you, God of possibilities, will help us see what you see, help us look with new eyes, help our laughter of disbelief become laughter of joy at the amazing things you are doing in our world and in our lives.

*Hymn of Praise, #60, "I'll Praise my Maker While I've Breathe"

The Way of Letting Go

Offering the Prayers We Bring

Prayer Hymn #465, "Holy Spirit, Truth Divine"

Prayer for One Voice



The Way of Creativity

A Conversation with the Children

"Laughing"

Rev. McDaniel

Reading of the Sacred Text

Genesis 18:1-15, 21:1-7 and Mark 10:27

Nancy Shrider

Jesus looked at them and said, "For mortals it is impossible, but not for God; for God all things are possible" Mark 10:27

Interpreting the Sacred Text

LOL

Rev. McDaniel

The Way of Compassion and Justice Making

Sharing Ways to get connected

Offering ourselves through our presence, gifts, service and witness

*Doxology

* Offering Prayer

Blessing

*Hymn of Social Holiness, Hymn #428, "For the Healing of the Nations"

*Sending Forth

Is it possible for the poor to be cared for?

With God all things are possible

Is it possible to proclaim release to those in bondage to hunger, to trafficking, to oppression?

With God all things are possible

Is it possible to heal all kinds of diseases, ailments and ills?

With God all things are possible

Then let us proclaim this day our pledge to work with God

We proclaim here and now that with God we will do all we can to bring forth God's new creation.

Postlude (Pause to gather thoughts, feelings and possible actions that may result from this time of worship.)

Stewardship of Time and Talents, September 13, 2015

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| General | \$1,342.00 | Parsonage | \$150.00 |
| Bathroom..... | \$50.00 | Hospitalization | \$60.00 |
| Coffee/Outreach..... | \$15.00 | Attendance..... | 44 |

Wood County District Public Library

Community Reads 2015 Programs:

Sunday, October 4, 2 pm. Film *To Kill a Mockingbird*. 1st Floor Meeting Room.

Wednesday, October 14, 7 pm. Panel discussion, Revisiting Maycomb. Atrium.

Sunday, October 18, 2 pm. Tour Wood County Courthouse with Michael Sibberson.
1 Courthouse Square.

Friday, October 23, 7 pm. After Hours @ WCDPL with Marja Mills, author of *The Mockingbird*
Next Door: Life with Harper Lee. Atrium.

Book Discussions:

Go Set a Watchman, Monday, October 5, 7 pm. Discussion leaders Dianne Klein and Diane Regan. The Carter House.

Tuesday, October 13, 6:30 pm. Discussion leader, Jim Litwin. 1st Floor Meeting Room.

Thursday, October 15, 10 am. Discussion leader, Kristin Wetzel. 2nd Floor Reading Lounge.

***The Mockingbird Next Door: Life with Harper Lee*, Tuesday, October 27, 10:30 am.**

Discussion leader, Anne Render. 1st Floor Meeting Room.



We are not of one mind when discussing human sexuality and the United Methodist Church. Specifically, the issues of ordination and homosexuality have proven to be particularly divisive. This September, all clergy and laity of the West Ohio Conference are invited to participate in a respectful, grace-filled conversation called CIRCLES OF GRACE around these issues.

We pray these conversations are the beginning of a way forward as we strive to minister together in unity rather than division. Please prayerfully consider being a part of these intentional opportunities for dialogue. Any learnings from this CIRCLE OF GRACE process will become a resource to the Annual Conference's life, including the 2016 General and Jurisdictional Conference Delegates as well as the Extended Cabinet and the Board of Ordained Ministry.

CIRCLES of GRACE conversations will be held at the following locations, beginning promptly at 7PM and lasting 2 hours. September 30, 2015 – THE DOCK at St. Mark's United Methodist Church, Findlay.